

REFORMS AWAIT CHARTER HEARING

Penrose and Vane Fight to Draw in Legislature Battle at Harrisburg

AMENDMENTS EXPECTED

Harrisburg, April 23.—Further progress on Philadelphia's reform legislation has been blocked until after the hearing next Tuesday on the Woodward charter bills.

No further move is expected from either the Penrose or Vane factions until after the hearing. The bills will not be reported out of the Senate committee for final action in the Senate.

They will then be sent to the House, where the real fight on charter revision is to take place. The House will probably be an attempt by both sides to amend the bills.

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Their amendments, it is understood, will be made to conform with the outline outlined by the Governor in his interview in the Evening Public Ledger on Monday. A small committee with membership based on ward representation; elimination of the police and fire men from politics; and a change in the city's fiscal system is understood to be the program which the Vane forces will stand for.

Vane Men Confident

If the Penrose supporters and independents decline to compromise and insist on the Woodward bill going through in its present shape, Vane men are confident that the Woodward measure will be defeated in the House.

Up to the present the Penrose men have declared against any compromise and have insisted that any amendments to the charter bills must be made by the "friends" of the measure.

No far the rival factions appear to have fought a draw. Senator Penrose has the satisfaction of knowing that the charter bills were advanced on the Senate reading calendar and that the Davis bill to increase the force of the district attorney is out of committee.

On the other hand, Senator Vane is credited with having stayed off final action in the Senate on the Woodward bill for another week.

By that time Governor Spruell is expected to be on the scene of action. The Governor, according to attaches of his office, will reach the capital Monday from Hot Springs, Va.

Senator Penrose has issued a statement expressing gratification over the results accomplished so far in behalf of charter revision.

"I am perfectly satisfied with the situation; anything the Governor wants will suit me," says the way Senator Vane summed up his end of the fight.

Senator Penrose, in his statement, expressed satisfaction with the position of Philadelphia's reform legislation, particularly the charter revision bills.

"All of the Philadelphia bills will have been enacted and will be before the Governor for his consideration within three weeks," says the way the senator summed up the situation.

"I have been greatly pleased," he continued, "with the cordial response which has been made when support has been requested for the Philadelphia reform measures. I realize your passage by overwhelming majorities in both the House and the Senate. The practically unanimous action of the appropriations committee today in reporting favorably the two bills for enlargement of the district attorney's department in Philadelphia is a strong indication of the unanimity acted upon. The district attorney bills will be passed by the Senate finally tomorrow, and immediately will be message to the House. They will be committed to the House committee on appropriations on Thursday. They are certain to pass the House and will be before the Governor before the end of next week."

"Prompt action is now the order of the day, and both branches of the Legislature are fully aroused to the seriousness of the issues involved," he concluded.

NEW YORK SHIPYARD READY FOR GREAT TASKS OF PEACE

Employs 15,000 Men, as Compared With 4000 Before War, and Is Increasing Force by 1000 a Month

FROM employing 4000 men before the war, the New York Shipbuilding Corporation is now employing 15,000 men, and adding to these 1000 new workers every month. During the war it built a considerable number of the destroyers for Uncle Sam, whose advent into the war was the submarine menace, and thereby contributed greatly to the Allied success. Now, at peace, has its victories no less renowned than war," the chief task of this great shipyard is to build the carriers of the country's commerce.

To this side of the shipyard over a hundred acres, running for a mile and a half along the river from the Atlantic City Railroad, 1400 modern homes have been built for the employees. Each home contains six rooms or more and a bath; it is electrically lighted, with modern improvements. A house rents from \$6.50 a month up, depending upon the locality. 15,000 men means a total family population of 75,000 or more than half the population of Camden. More and more work is coming to take advantage of the excellent living conditions of the yard, the well being of whose employees keeps busy an industrial service department consisting of a staff of fourteen persons under the supervision of Harry R. Thompson, its manager and vice-president of the Fairview Realty Company, which built the Yorkship Village.

A Modern Village

The village covers over 200 acres. It has eight miles of concrete streets, with a width of from 20 to 200 feet. Elm, maple and other trees have been liberally planted. A boulevard eighty feet wide runs through the heart of the village for a mile. Trains and trolleys connect the village with the yards and Camden outside. The transportation system is in charge of Samuel Weiss, and runs so efficiently that the 15,000 workers are got out of the yards within twenty minutes after the whistle has blown.

Scattered playgrounds for the young steps, a common for the older folks, and an athletic field which will be second to none when complete, and which covers eighteen acres, are among the outdoor features of life in the New York Shipbuilding yards. The athletic association has 398 been reorganized, two days ago it started a new number of members. In the two days it

obtained 1500 members, each of whom pays \$2 a year as dues. It will maintain teams for basketball, football, soccer and baseball and will compete with teams of other departments and other shipyards. Charles J. Langell is president of the athletic association. The yard has its own police department, comprising 215 officers; its own fire department, made up of volunteer firemen, in which every employe of the yard is a trained unit. Both departments are under the charge of Chief of Police William J. Coan.

The plant organization has its own insurance system, insuring an employe for \$500 the first year, and \$100 additional every year of service. It maintains two hospitals, with beds at the Cooper Hospital and Homopathic Hospital, Camden, for serious developments. An employe absent because of sickness three days is looked up by the woman nurse and his case reported, and, if needed, a nurse and doctor sent him. The hospital corps comprises sixteen doctors and nurses.

The employes maintain a musical organization with a band of sixty pieces; banjo, and mandolin clubs and a glow club of fifty men and women singers. They have a plant postoffice, library and several restaurants. A \$300,000 school with two playgrounds has been constructed.

Community Square

This school will be to the side of the community square, which forms a great outgrowth, to which all the streets of Yorkship Village converge. On this hub of the little city are now building an apartment house for the accommodation of 100 families, a hotel for single men, a theatre, bank, lodge rooms and several stores.

Oldest 33d Degree Mason Buried

Edward S. Wyckoff, who died at Beverly, N. J., Sunday at the age of ninety-two years, was buried today. Mr. Wyckoff had been associated with J. H. Schenck & Sons, Sixth and Arch streets, for sixty-five years. He was the oldest living thirty-third degree Mason and the oldest living member of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19. He was also a member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M.; Harmony R. A. Chapter No. 52; St. John's Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, A. and A. O. E. U. and the Masonic Veterans.

SENATE IS EXPECTED QUICKLY TO INDORSE SUFFRAGE PROPOSAL

Resolution Referred to Judiciary Committee After Passing House by Big Majority

Harrisburg, April 23.—Quick action on the Ramsey resolution to provide a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage is expected in the Senate.

The resolution, which passed the House yesterday by a big majority, was sent to the Senate late yesterday and was referred to the judiciary special committee.

The resolution passed the House finally by a vote of 128 for and 66 against. It received twenty-three votes more than necessary for a constitutional majority.

The 1921 Legislature must again pass the resolution and then it will be submitted to the voters for a referendum at the November election, 1921. In 1915 the voters of Pennsylvania defeated a similar amendment.

OUST GERMAN LANGUAGE Ban Enemy Tongue From Schools by Bill Just Passed

Harrisburg, April 23.—Use of the German language in Pennsylvania's public and state normal schools is prohibited by action of the Senate in passing the Davis bill by a final vote of 43 to 2. The measure has already passed the House and needs only Governor Spruell's signature to make its provisions effective.

The three votes against the bill were cast by Senator Samuel W. Salus, of Philadelphia; Senator Haskell, of Northumberland and Senator Schantz, of Lehigh.

The measure aims for the quick ousting of the German language from the schoolrooms. German classes now running in the high schools and normal schools must be abandoned at once for full compliance with the act. They may be replaced by classes for the study of other foreign languages.

"Why pick out German?" exclaimed Senator Schantz, in pleading for the defeat of the bill. "Why not French, Greek and Italian? It's unfair."

"The reason it doesn't cut out those languages is because they are the languages of civilized nations," replied Senator Barr, of Allegheny, pushing the bill. "The German nation has been barbaric and the German language has been the language of barbarism from start to finish."

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The life fund bill directs that the state treasurer shall be ex-officio treasurer and custodian of the fund. Details of the fund are to be administered by the commissioner of insurance, who is instructed to prepare rates and policies by July 1, 1920.

Life insurance policies under the fund are to be issued to persons between twenty and fifty years of age in amounts of \$500 or multiples, with the maximum set at \$5000 when the number of persons insured exceeds 3000.

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